

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 316

Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein

February 13, 2015

An act to amend Section 4830 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to veterinarians.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 316, as introduced, Maienschein. Veterinarians.

Under existing law, the Veterinary Medical Board licenses and regulates veterinarians and the practice of veterinary medicine. It is unlawful for any person to practice veterinary medicine in this state unless he or she holds a valid, unexpired, and unrevoked license issued by the board, except under specified circumstances.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4830 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 4830. (a) This chapter does not apply to:
- 4 (1) Veterinarians while serving in any armed branch of the
- 5 military service of the United States or the United States
- 6 Department of Agriculture while actually engaged and employed
- 7 in their official capacity.

1 (2) Regularly licensed veterinarians in actual consultation from
2 other states.

3 (3) Regularly licensed veterinarians actually called from other
4 states to attend cases in this state, but who do not open an office
5 or appoint a place to do business within this state.

6 (4) Veterinarians employed by the University of California
7 while engaged in the performance of duties in connection with the
8 College of Agriculture, the Agricultural Experiment Station, the
9 School of Veterinary Medicine, or the agricultural extension work
10 of the university or employed by the Western University of Health
11 Sciences while engaged in the performance of duties in connection
12 with the College of Veterinary Medicine or the agricultural
13 extension work of the university.

14 (5) Students in the School of Veterinary Medicine of the
15 University of California or the College of Veterinary Medicine of
16 the Western University of Health Sciences who participate in
17 diagnosis and treatment as part of their educational experience,
18 including those in off-campus educational programs under the
19 direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian in good standing, as
20 defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 4848,
21 appointed by the University of California, Davis, or the Western
22 University of Health Sciences.

23 (6) A veterinarian who is employed by the Meat and Poultry
24 Inspection Branch of the California Department of Food and
25 Agriculture while actually engaged and employed in his or her
26 official capacity. A person exempt under this paragraph shall not
27 otherwise engage in the practice of veterinary medicine unless ~~he~~
28 ~~or she~~ *the person* is issued a license by the board.

29 (7) Unlicensed personnel employed by the Department of Food
30 and Agriculture or the United States Department of Agriculture
31 when in the course of their duties they are directed by a veterinarian
32 supervisor to conduct an examination, obtain biological specimens,
33 apply biological tests, or administer medications or biological
34 products as part of government disease or condition monitoring,
35 investigation, control, or eradication activities.

36 (b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2011.